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On motion of the Vice-President that the letter of Dr. Le Conte be referred to a special committee to consist of the members of the standing committees on Finance and on the Hall, Dr. Le Conte was called upon for a history of the formation of the Committee of the Academy of which he was chairman, and the subject was thereupon discussed by Mr. Barnes, Mr. Price, Mr. Fraley, Dr. Bell, and Mr. Peale. Mr. Fraley's amendment that the presiding officer appoint a special committee of seven, was accepted by Mr. Cresson, and adopted. The President then appointed the following members: Mr. Fraley, Mr. Cresson, Mr. Price, Mr. J. F. James, Mr. Marsh, Mr. Peale, and Mr. Chase.

Mr. Fraley made a statement respecting the correspondence of the Society with the Society of United Brethren, stating that the latter desired to regain possession of the Zeisberger MSS. in order to publish them under their own auspices.

And the Society was adjourned.

Stated Meeting, March 16, 1866.

Present, fourteen members.

Dr. Wood, President, in the Chair.

Letters of envoi were received from the Royal Academy at Lisbon, dated November 26th, and the Haarlem Society, January 30th; the latter requesting to have certain deficiencies in their set of A. P. S. Trans. and Proc. supplied; which, on motion of Mr. Fraley, was so ordered.

A letter respecting the Zeisberger MSS. was received from H. A. Brickenstein, dated Bethlehem, March 7th, 1866.

A letter respecting the Odjibowe-François Vocabulary of Father Belcourt, and other matters, was received from Joseph Henry, dated Smithsonian Institution, Washington, March 8th, 1866.

Donations for the Library were received from the Royal Academy at Lisbon; the Society at Lille; the Royal Astronomical, Meteorological, and Statistical Societies of London; the Essex Institute and Harvard College; Professors Zante-

deschi of Padua, Brush and Johnson of Yale, and Winchell of Ann Arbor; Messrs. Alex. Agassiz, and Shaler of Cambridge; Dr. C. M. Wetherill; Dr. Kirkbride, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Lea; Dr. Mackall, of Washington, and Mr. Blair, of Pittsburg; and the Chicago Academy of Sciences.

The death of G. Forchhammer, of Copenhagen, in December last, was announced by the Secretary.

The death of Dr. Jared Sparks, of Boston, on the 14th inst., aged 76, was announced by Mr. Fraley.

A paper was presented for publication in the Transactions entitled the Hydrology of the St. Lawrence, by Thomas E. Blackwell, Esq., and referred to a committee consisting of Mr. Trautwine, Mr. Lesley, and Mr. Cresson.

Mr. Levi W. Groff, of Bareville, Lancaster County, Pa. (present by invitation), exhibited a watch, on the back of which was engraven, Ben. Franklin, 1776.

Dr. Wilcocks spoke of the present appearance of the zodiacal light.

Pending nominations, Nos. 541, 547, 548, and new nomination, No. 547, were read.

And the Society was then adjourned.

Stated Meeting, April 6, 1866.

Present, nineteen members.

Mr. PEALE in the Chair.

A letter accepting membership was received from Dr. Ferdinand Keller, dated Zurich, February 19, 1866.

A photograph of C. D. Arfwedson was received from Dr. Wood.

Letters of invoice were received from the Royal Society of Victoria, dated Melbourne, June 12th, 1865; the Physical Society, Berlin, December 4th; the Royal Saxon Society, Leipsic, September 2d and 30th; the Vaudois Society, Lausanne, September 1st; the Zoological Society, Frankfurt am Main, January 1st, 1866; the American Oriental Society,